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Subject: DOE - Federal Stimulus Coding Changes

As you are probably aware, the stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will require stringent tracking, accountability, monitoring and reporting. We will be contacting you as information becomes available on specific fiscal and reporting requirements.

For now, these are the items of importance and timeliness:

- 1) ARRA funds MUST be tracked separately. New Revenue and expenditure accounts must be created to accomplish this.
- 2) The ARRA federal awards have unique CFDA numbers – and therefore, will have new Revenue Codes assigned. These will be sent out soon.
- 3) DUNS numbers and CCR Registration. In order to receive ARRA funds, all subgrantees and subcontractors are required to have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and be registered at Central Contractor Registration (CCR). Many of you have a DUNS number (or possibly multiple numbers).

Will the Dept be collecting the DUNS number? Yes. We are required to collect from our subgrantees, the DUNS number they wish to use for the ARRA activity. Keep in mind, however, that the Federal Transparency Act also requires DUNS numbers, so the number you provide now will be used for future federal reporting. The number will be attached to your State Vendor account. The new version of the State's subgrant award will contain the DUNS number you provide. We cannot issue you an award without this information. Your organization likely has more than one DUNS number – you should designate a primary DUNS number. The SU and the school district will have separate DUNS numbers, and we will be collecting both, as the ARRA funds associated with things like School Lunch Equipment or Education Spending Grant will go to Districts, while funds like IDEA and Title I go to SUs.

Will the Dept be collecting information on CCR? Yes. You will be expected to tell us whether or not you have filed with CCR. Remember, this registration is required for receipt of ARRA funds. The new version of the State's subgrant award will contain the information you provide. We cannot issue you an award without this information.

How do I find out about the DUNS number and CCR? The links to these sites are:
<http://www.ccr.gov/> and
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do;jsessionid=E1FFF968B420085FADC0C769C0C53E64>

We encourage you to check on your DUNS number status – Do you have one? Do you have more than one and do you need more than one? – it's a good time to review your status. Which one will you choose as your Primary for State ARRA/Federal reporting? Have you registered? We'll be collecting this information once the State has given us their final instructions.

Thank you – and please let me know if you have any questions.

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